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19. A method for retrieving information from a database based on an input of a proper name, comprising the steps of:

- identifying apparent surnames and given names that are part of the proper name;
- determining the cultural origin or ethnicity of the inputted proper name;
- selecting a search strategy based on the determined cultural origin or ethnicity of the proper name;
- selecting a set of names that are stored in the database, wherein the selection is based on a culture-relevant key-indexing strategy; and
- using an algorithm tailored according to the selected search strategy to evaluate which of the selected names match the proper name.